

## POF Symposium on the Annual Fiber Society conference

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Papers

This year on May 17-19, the international conference of the Fiber Society will be held in Aachen, Germany, with a **special POF symposium**.

The conference focuses on “Next Generation Fibers for Smart Products” and covers topics ranging from fiber processing, fabrication and characterization over textiles, functional fibers, bio materials and also polymer optical fibers. For more information, please refer to the conference’s [Call for Papers](#). In contrast to the international POF conference, there is a much stronger focus on industry, fabrication and materials, but also sensing for smart products. The conference has a focus on technology or market and addresses so what can POF do for people or what can people do with POF.

### Call for contributions

With the planned POF symposium, we see a good chance to improve the visibility of the POF community, to increase POF’s industry acceptance and to discover novel application fields for the polymer optical fiber. We plan a symposium with two sessions in conjunction with the conference with more than 100 expected attendees. For the best 15 contributions, the authors can submit an adapted version of their paper for a **special issue of the Polymer International journal**.

The POF workshop will focus on **topics** such as:

- Novel materials
- Fabrication methods
- Testing and characterization
- Applications in the context of Smart Products

### Information for authors

The contributions to the POF symposium will be official part of the fiber conference and will thus be a part of the proceedings. **The top 15 contributions will also enter a special issue of the Polymer International journal**. We are looking forward to your submission of full articles in Word format by February, 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. You can email them directly to [fibersociety@ita.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:fibersociety@ita.rwth-aachen.de). For style guides and more information please refer to the [Fiber Society’s website](#) or contact Pam Gabriel ([pam.fibersociety@gmail.com](mailto:pam.fibersociety@gmail.com)).

We hope for a broad interest with many exciting contributions and are looking forward to seeing you soon in Aachen.

With best regards,

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